

may come . . ." or "If we build it, they should come . . ." to one where "If we build it, our servicemembers feel welcomed."

Madam Speaker, we need a system that makes members of our Armed Services feel welcomed and we can begin today by supporting this legislation. While providing important safeguards, this bill simply attempts to try and remove barriers to care that have been identified.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION
HONORING "GO FOR BROKE"
REGIMENTS WITH CONGRES-
SIONAL GOLD MEDAL

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation recognizing the Japanese-American 100th Infantry Battalion and 442d Regimental Combat Team, commonly known as the "Go For Broke" regiments, for their dedicated service to our nation during World War II.

These brave men served with pride, courage and conviction, waging a war on two fronts—abroad against a forceful and oppressive fascism, and at home against the intolerance of racial injustice. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor incited doubts about the loyalty of Japanese Americans, these brave men who enlisted to fight to protect our nation were faced with segregated training conditions, families and friends relocated to internment camps, and repeated questions about their combat abilities. At a time when they could have easily turned their backs on a country which had seemingly turned its back on them, these men chose the nobler, bolder, and more difficult route.

The "Go For Broke" regiments went on to earn several awards for their distinctive service in combat, including: 7 Presidential Unit Citations, 21 Medals of Honor, 52 Distinguished Service Crosses, 560 Silver Stars, 22 Legion of Merit Medals, 15 Soldier's Medals, and nearly 10,000 Purple Hearts, among numerous additional distinctions. For their size and length of service, the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442d Regimental Combat Team were the most decorated U.S. military units of the war. However, these regiments have yet to be honored with a Congressional Gold Medal.

To answer the call of duty requires exceptional courage and sacrifice, but to respond with a vigor and persistence unaffected by those who sought to malign and impede their every achievement reveals an incredible spirit and admirable will. Please join me in honoring these courageous men by supporting the granting of a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the U.S. Army's 100th Infantry Battalion and 442d Regimental Combat Team.

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NIERMAN

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, during our time in Congress we all have benefitted from

the efforts of our staffs. I certainly have been blessed with the services of wonderful people through my career. The standard in my office was set early in my professional life, before I came to Congress. The daughter of a friend became my assistant in private law practice and has been with me continuously since 1968. Berna Dean Nierman has been a true and faithful friend as well as a very competent and valuable employee through the years.

The first person invited to join my Congressional staff was Berna Dean. She opened the office in Sedalia, MO, and has managed it continuously since 1977. She has handled thousands of constituent problems. She has been responsible for overseeing the process for selecting appointees to the various military academies and she has had responsibility for helping arrange tours for constituents who are visiting the Capitol from Missouri's 4th District. She has handled countless phone calls on legislative issues and problems in government and has always been professional in her response always.

We have shared professional and personal triumphs and hardships. It has been a joy to watch her celebrate her marriage to Wayne Nierman and then to see the family grow as Christopher and Christine came along and developed into outstanding young adults in their own right. She was a friend and confidant to my late wife Susie. Her advice and counsel were always welcomed by her and I continue to benefit from her wise counsel.

Berna Dean was my first employee and set a very high standard for those who followed. Her character and work ethic, along with an engaging and warm personality, reflect the small town values instilled in her by her wonderful parents.

After 32 years of Congressional service and 40 years working with me, Berna Dean Nierman is retiring. She will be missed, but I know I am not losing a friend, but just changing the location where I can contact her. She and Wayne have my best wishes for many, many happy years together.

I ask the Congress to join me in thanking her for her outstanding service to the people of the Fourth Congressional District of Missouri and our country.

HONORING GRANT E. GEIGER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Grant E. Geiger of Missouri. Grant is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Grant has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Grant has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Grant E. Geiger for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Included in H.R. 2638 is funding for the following projects and programs that I submitted:

1. \$2,800,000 for Surface ASW in the Navy's Research, Development, Test & Evaluation account. The entity to receive funding for this project is DDL Omni Engineering, LLC at 8260 Greensboro Drive, Suite 600, McLean, VA 22102. The funding will be used for the Automated Readiness Measurement System (ARMS). ARMS is intended to provide commanders a real-time tactical decisionmaking tool with constant assessment of the mission readiness of personnel and units. The program will include the ability to analyze performance against Navy Mission Essential Tasks and will develop the readiness assessment to assist commanders in making tactical employment decisions. DDL Omni expects to expend any funds provided over a two year period in the development of ARMS within the Anti-Submarine Warfare Mission Area.

2. \$2,000,000 for Airborne Mine Countermeasures in the Navy's Research, Development, Test & Evaluation account. The funding will be received by Progeny Systems at 9500 Innovation Drive, Manassas, VA 20110. The funding will be used for the Airborne Mine Countermeasures "Open Architecture" Technology Insertion. This funding continues a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant and will result in significantly improved mine countermeasures capabilities. Anti-ship mines are becoming the weapon of choice and are not only advancing in capability, but are being proliferated to a number of countries and terrorist groups who previously could not produce the weapons on their own. This poses a significant threat to U.S. forward deployed naval forces and battle groups as well as shipborne commercial commerce. To meet and keep pace with these threats, the Navy needs improved mine detection, classification, and neutralization capabilities that can be easily and quickly modernized.

3. \$800,000 for Environmental Technology in the Army's Research, Development, Test & Evaluation account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Vanguard Research, Inc./EnerSol Technologies, Inc. at 1235 South Clark Street, Suite 501, Arlington, VA 22202. The funding will be used for the Plasma Energy Pyrolysis System (PEPS) Clean Fuels project. The PEPS system turns renewable resources such as biomass into gas in order to produce alternative transportation biofuels for the US Army. These funds will be spent over a one-year period to continue plasma torch testing.

4. \$800,000 for Conventional Weapons Technology in the Air Force's Research, Development, Test & Evaluation account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Aerojet at 5731 Wellington Road, Gainesville,